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> Dear Environmental Quality Board,

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> This past summer, I received a building permit to install an "outdoor wood burner
> furnace" for the purpose of heating my first floor apartment residence and
> hot water heater and my tenant's second floor hot water heater.

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> With the proposed addition of an "outdoor wood burner furnace", I proceeded with
> various upgrade purchases including a trailer, gas powered log splitter,
> chain saw items and replaced my 1993 pick up truck.

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> I cut, split and delivered wood from property owned by relatives and myself.
> I also cut and removed numerous trees, in exchange for the wood, for friends
> who could not neither afford to pay a tree removal service nor had the
> equipment and skill to do it themselves.

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> The actual purchase and installation of my "outdoor wood burner furnace" has been
> completed for approximately \$9,000.00 (excluding my own time, labor, and auxiliary purchases).

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> I've recently received a copy of the proposed changes regarding the usage
> of outdoor wood furnaces in my home state of Pennsylvania.

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> To my personal dismay, I am now aware that the proposed regulations unfairly
> jeopardize my being able to continue using my "outdoor wood burner furnace"

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> 1. I "utilize free wood sources" that would normally be left to decay or
> removal would cause a financial burden to property owners.

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> 2. I've increased my usage of hot water for laundry, dishes and showers
> (sanitary improvement) and raised my apartment temperature from 62 degrees
> and I am still able to save electric and oil costs for my apartment and
> reduce my tenant's electrical costs.

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> 3. My prior residence had a wood burning fireplace insert that created
> concerns for chimney/structural fires, carbon monoxide, dust and ash issues
> and extreme dry humidity. I do not have these issues because my wood burner
> is physically separate from my duplex apartment building.

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> Even though I have local "borough" approval the proposed state regulation
> changes would not allow for me to continue using my "outdoor wood-fired
> furnace." However, proposed regulations only deal with "outdoor wood burner
> furnaces" and ignore the more inefficient indoor wood burner units, indoor
> coal and various pellet wood burners, and open fireplaces already in
> operation in my same local.

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> I believe it is totally unjust to set regulations to impose restrictive
> usage with the very probable outcome prohibiting usage of my existing

- > "outdoor wood burner furnace" considering that I have already purchased,
- > installed and operate my "outdoor wood burner furnace".
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- > I will support regulations requiring existing owners to comply with
- > "reasonable fuel use requirements" and "reasonable" regulations regarding
- > the installation of new "outdoor wood burner furnaces".
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